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From The Rectory

What's the buzz, tell us what's a happening!

Well, there certainly *has* been a lot happening since we announced a few months ago that St. Peter's Troupers are putting on *Jesus Christ Superstar* – the iconic rock musical by Andrew Lloyd Webber and Tim Rice, which is presently being performed in London. But you don't need to venture further than North Tawton to see *Superstar* (as it's known) as it is being performed in St. Peter's church on 17th, 18th and 19th October. (*ticket details in "Roundabout" on page 15*).

Our cast, musicians, stage crew (and importantly, those who keep us going with refreshments during rehearsals!) are working extremely hard to make this show the great success it deserves. As in past productions, new friendships have been formed. We laugh together and we share emotions, and because of the nature of this show, a group of us pray before rehearsals. We have welcomed several new members to St. Peter's Troupers. Some have their own stories to tell of how being part of this show has changed their lives. The choir from North Tawton Community Primary School has also been rehearsing, and will continue after returning to school in September. They are so keen and really amazing! Many of you will know that *Superstar* is about the final days of life on earth of Jesus Christ. But that certainly is not the end of the story – more the beginning! Indeed, our show will end on a high that will leave our audiences buzzing!

So what *did* happen next?

By every precedent of history, by every law of nature known then and now, by every experience of everybody, the story of Jesus should have ended with his burial. Not only was he dead but he had been brutally and publicly killed in such a humiliating and disgraceful manner that it was obvious to all that he was not God's promised Messiah. Jesus's followers had been shamed, scared and scattered. It is hard to imagine a more definite, public and final closure to the story of Jesus. It was the end. But it wasn't. Something happened. A *something* that transformed Jesus's followers and ultimately transformed the world; a something that made Passover A.D. 30 not the disappointing end of a sad story in an obscure part of the world, but the beginning of a vast and unsurpassed epic that has shaped and shaken history on every continent and that remains unfinished. That this *something* was a single event – the bodily resurrection of Jesus from the dead – is the foundation of all Christian belief, past and present. Without the resurrection, Christianity would not exist. What Jesus taught repeatedly focused on who he

was. Jesus said 'I am the truth for you to have'. If Jesus had died a criminal, abandoned and cursed by God and *stayed dead*, then the authority and validity of everything he said would be fatally and finally undermined. That is not just today's verdict but, significantly, it was also the verdict at the time. Around A.D. 53 Paul wrote to Christians in Corinth: 'And if Christ has not been raised, then all our preaching is useless, and your faith is useless...And if Christ has not been raised, then your faith is useless and you are still guilty of your sins'. Barely two decades after the crucifixion, Paul, who knew personally some of the people involved in the trial and crucifixion, was making the astonishing statement that the Christian faith stood or fell on the reality of the resurrection of Jesus.

At the heart of the idea of the resurrection is the astounding belief that Jesus himself is alive, not just as an historical figure but as a present reality; a living person who we can communicate with and relate to. The testimony of Christians over the centuries is that this continues to be true: Jesus is alive and can be experienced as someone who transforms lives. Those who truly want to find the risen Jesus, not out of idle curiosity but ready to make him Saviour, King and Lord of their lives, can still find him.

For the disciples, the resurrection was not simply an historical fact; it was also a personal experience. After Jesus had left them, the two on the road to Emmaus said to each other, 'Didn't our hearts burn within us as he talked with us on the road and explained the Scriptures to us?' Since that day billions of people have experienced a similar 'warming of the heart' as they have encountered the risen, living Jesus. That has certainly happened to some members of *Superstar*. Indeed, it is that personal experience of the presence of the resurrected Jesus that lies at the very heart of the best and most complete Christian faith. To believe in the resurrection of Jesus changes how we live. So, come and experience *Superstar* at St. Peter's. You will see some amazingly talented performers and musicians, brilliant scenery, sound and lighting. And at the end of the show, you will see that the cross shines forth, bringing hope for us all.

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Remembered a century on, North Tawton's last casualty of the Great War.

**Private James Bovey,
2nd /6th Devon regiment.**

**He died on 19th September 1919
in Mesopotamia, and is buried in
Tehran Cemetery, Iran.**



**His home was in High Street in
North Tawton.**

During the past five years "Roundabout" has remembered by name all those who fell in the Great War of 1914 –1918 as was done St. Peter's Church in October last year at the Commemoration of the 1918 Armistice.

James Bovey's death (above) gives a final reminder that there were casualties almost a year after hostilities ended. It reminds us too, that for years afterwards many who survived the war had to live with injuries, mental and physical, caused by their involvement in the war. Some never returned to "normal" health despite help offered by charities, notably the Royal British Legion. It and others continue today to help others affected by the wars which, sadly, have thrown up further generations of casualties since.

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Plastic Re-Cycling Scheme

The Town Council continues its WDBC Mayoral award-winning plastic re-cycling scheme every third Saturday of the month. Residents are encouraged to make full use of the skip sited in the car park under the archway off The Square.

Garden at Taw Bridge

The Council would like to thank everyone who participated in the work which has re-established the small garden at Taw Bridge. The notice board is currently undergoing renovation and there are plans to install a picnic bench.

Cemetery.

On a recent visit to the cemetery, members noticed a number of inappropriate memorials (plastic and glass items, wind-chimes etc.) which do not comply with the cemetery regulations. Residents are asked to remove these items by the end of September, or they will be taken away.

New Working Party – Tree Planting and Wild Flower Verges.

The Council would be interested to hear from residents who are interested in joining a new working party. The remit of the working party is to contribute toward the formulation of a policy which would identify potential sites and schedules for tree planting and identification of verges and other spaces where seeds for wild flowers could be sown. Please contact the Town Clerk if you are interested in participating in this new initiative.

Two new Members of the Council

By the time the Roundabout comes out, the Town should have two new members of the Council as the extra-ordinary meeting to fill the two vacancies on the Council will have taken place. Please see the town's noticeboard for the result of the ballot.

Sarah Say, Clerk to North Tawton Town Council

Stephen Webb, Assistant Clerk to North Tawton Town Council

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I normally work Mondays, Wednesdays and Thursdays 9 a.m. – 3 p.m.

My colleague Stephen Webb works on Fridays 9 a.m. – 3 p.m.

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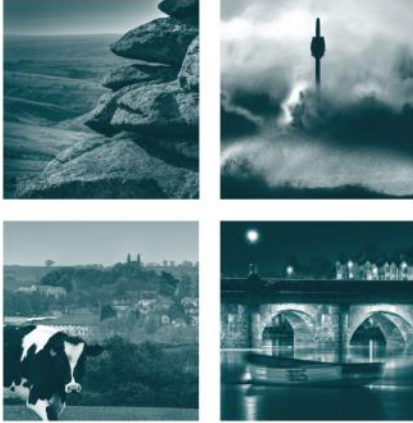
is holding an Exhibition commemorating the 80th Anniversary of the start of the Second World War on Sunday 8th September in Exbourne Village Hall from 2 to 5 p.m. Exbourne Community Choir will entertain with war time songs. Cream teas will be available. Entry is free and everyone is welcome.

Can you help ?

Our Rainbow unit could do with another pair of hands (or 2 !!) because of the increase in numbers. Rainbows are the youngest members of Girlguiding for girls aged 5 – 7. We have a unit of 14 girls and could do with an extra helper on a Wednesday afternoon from 4.15 – 5.15pm .

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North Tawton Afternoon W.I.

Country Life and other glossies have “guest editors” and now the North Tawton W.I. joins these illustrious ranks with a guest “blogger” (for this month only).

I had to look up the word “blog” first, never having been truly sure of what it meant. If you resided peacefully in the early 20th century such terms were completely unknown. I typed in “what is a blogger?” and received several interesting replies. “Did I mean ‘logger’” (as, presumably an American woodsman) or “did I mean blocker?” which gave several useful hints on how to unblock the drains. I decided to go straight to the heart of the term “blog”, from recorded examples.

So here is an attempt at a blog to chronicle the exciting goings on at the W.I.’s 90th birthday party this week. No W.I. special meeting would be complete without some marvellous food and this event was no exception. The party atmosphere was augmented by a pleasant music ambience provided by Stephen Webb (relation!) and his “virtual” jazz trio.

We were also entertained by Rose Channing who presented some very funny sketches “from the life of a Devon farmer’s wife”, including “Dust if you Must” and “The Widecombe Alphabet”

The following day was the Okehampton Show and our entry “Lucy in the Sky with Diamonds” came second. Congratulations to Exbourne, Jacobstowe and Sampford Courtenay W.I. who won with “Somewhere Over the Rainbow”.

Finally I have noticed that relatives loom large in a blogger’s record of events so I too shall mention my husband. Should I record I wonder an instance which defines us? Our 40th wedding anniversary occurred last November and I naturally greeted him that morning with words of endearment. His historic reply was “no I don’t think it’s raining”. Perhaps therefore the hints on unblocking above, could be expanded to ears in time for our 41st.

I hand you back to Sue next month.

Jane Hunt-Webb

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Climate change does seem, at last, largely accepted, and acknowledged to be a major emergency. There are some who still believe it is nonsense, just as there are those who believe that the earth is flat, but perhaps now a minority. In Devon, many Parish Councils are declaring a Climate Emergency, but are less sure what to do about it, as so many of the obvious levers of power lie in Westminster, or Exeter, or even Torridge D.C. in Bideford. Many, though, do understand that it is the action of individual people and groups who matter. The answer lies in talking to each other, finding good ideas from all over the area and spreading North Tawton's own good ideas, whether coming from the council, other groups, or individuals. Do not ask 'What can the Biosphere do for me? But what can I do for the Biosphere?' We ask every Parish and Town to nominate a Climate Emergency Reporter, who will give a report on progress every year to both the Parish Council and to the Biosphere team. This person may or may not be a councillor, may or may not claim any particular expertise in environmental matters, may do it on their own, but more likely gather a team around them.

Once names have been submitted, networking can start. The Biosphere team will be listening, and will be prepared to help with some expertise, but they will not be telling parish reporters what to do or how to do it. This really is a bottom-up exercise. Before long, I trust the Network will decide on some organisation of its own. Then we can really start motoring (electric cars of course). I am told that a network of parishes would not find it difficult to access Lottery and other funds.

Over to you, councillors and people of North Tawton. You do not need to take the slightest notice of this initiative, but you may have to explain to your children and grandchildren why you decided to take no action.

*Peter Howard
August 2019*



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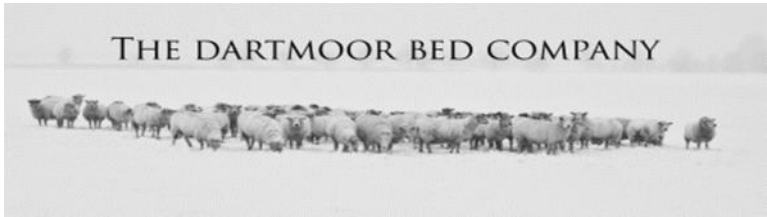
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On Sunday 21st July, North Tawton Bowling Club held its now annual "Pub Day" Competition. Fourteen Teams from local Inns were entered and the event, organised again by bowlers John Kinsey David Nicks and Lloyd Reynolds was a great success. The weather was kind and the competitors were keen to compete. Supporters made up of family and friends plus plenty of children were in a good mood and it was a joy to see the beautiful grounds and club House being enjoyed by so many of the town's folk.

After a very long but happy day the eventual winners were The Copper Key 'A' Team of Paul Ayres, Martin Hann and Richard Gould who collected the Pub Trophy presented by Stan Friend (a big supporter of the club) with the help of President Mike Thwaites.

Food consisting of bacon baps hot dogs and burgers plus cream teas at the end was supplied by the club lady bowlers who worked tirelessly but with great results. The Bar did a roaring trade!!

The day ended with a huge draw. The first prize of a Flying Lesson was won by Robin Scott.

A great day with thanks to all the club members who worked to achieve a grand total of £2558.

PHOTO (below) The delighted winners L-R Martin Hanns, Paul Ayres and Richard Gould.

September Bowling Fixtures:

03-Sep	Tue	2.00	Starcross	HOME
07-Sep	Sat	2.00	Tavistock	AWAY
08-Sep	Sun	10.00	Cheese Factory Day	HOME
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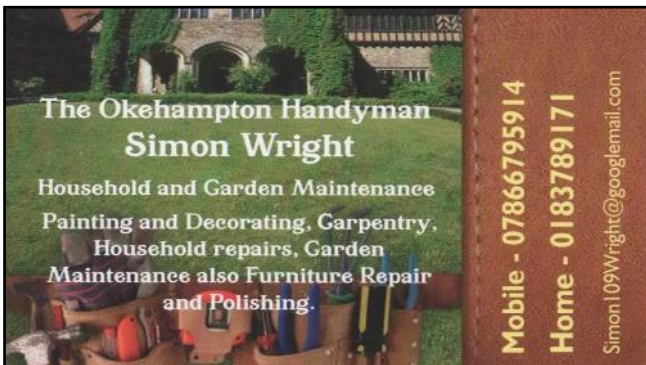
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News from the Castle

Hi everyone

Exciting news! The scaffolding is, at long last, coming down. We have had cranes coming to site and a couple of lorries full of scaffolding leaving. As you can imagine this is a momentous time and the team has been reminiscing about all the activities that have taken place over the last six and a half years. Good times, tough times and exciting times and supported by so many wonderful people along the way.

I don't want to get carried away though as we still have a little way to go. The current scaffolding is set on top of the last two sections of flat roof we need to work on – namely the Kitchen and Scullery which are below ground level. Once the scaffold is clear we will be able to work on them. It is still very exciting though! Personally I am enjoying watching the lines of visitors (especially children) being 'scaffold spectators', watching sections of scaffold being lifted down from the top of the building.

Inside the castle, visitors are enjoying seeing the Drawing Room and Dining Room in full splendor. The star of the show is all the glassware and silverware which is back on show on the dining table after over six years of being packed away. It's great to have a bit of glamour back at Drogo.

Finally, we are all set to welcome lots of people over the summer holidays. It is always a joy to see so many families running around enjoying themselves, connecting with the Drewe family who also had so many happy memories of life at Drogo. We also have a run of attendance at local shows such as Chagford show so let's hope we still have a bit of sunshine coming our way.

Paula

Community Engagement Officer, Castle Drogo
01647 434130, paula.clarke@nationaltrust.org.uk

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News from Sampford Courtenay Parish Council

Full minutes can be viewed on our website www.sampfordcourtenay-pc.gov.uk where any useful links are live. Plus check out our new **FACEBOOK** Page. Like and Share to help us spread S.C.P.C. news.

SEAMOOR LOTTO – Sampford Courtenay Parish Council has registered as one of the charities who will benefit from the new Lotto run by W.D.B.C.. If you have not bought your ticket yet, please sign up at <https://www.seamoorlotto.co.uk/support/sampford-courtenay-parish-council>

JUST GIVING – S.C.P.C. have also set up a Just Giving page where you can make donations to the Parish projects identified in the recent survey <https://www.justgiving.com/crowdfunding/sampfordcourtenayparishcouncil-scpc>

Notes from SCPC Aug 19

1. **Public Participation** – SCPC welcomed 4 items of Public Participation at this month’s meeting which asked to be put on the Agenda for SCPC consideration. Plus SCPC appreciated the input of all parishioners who attended this meeting.
2. **WDBC Cllrs Samuel and Ratcliffe** – were welcomed to this meeting – they gave reports on the Mayoral visits to local primary schools planned for next term; the proposed changes to Waste Collection Service; the publication of the West Devon Annual Report which is now available on their website + plus the proposal to cut Council Tax Support Grant for 2020.
3. **SCPC Standing Orders** – minor amendments were agreed and signed by the Chair.
4. **Planning Application** was considered for Reddaway Farm – and was **SUPPORTED** by SCPC + Appeal re Planning in Principle Application for 3 dwellings on land at Sampford Chapple. SCPC again Supported this appeal while noting the concerns and objections of other parishioners.
5. **Road Safety Action Plan** – parishioners are reminded to notify the Clerk if they witness any near misses/accidents on the roads in the parish to add to the list as evidence to use in the Road Safety Action Plan.
6. **30 Days and 30 Ways** – Cllr. Wilson is going to repeat her successful Facebook and Website campaign to help get us all prepared for Winter and other emergencies. With a prize competition – keep your eyes out for more details.
7. **Wine Tasting Evening** – to raise funds for the Village Hall and SCPC Defibrillator fund at the Village Hall Sat 21st Sept £15 pp – contact the Clerk to book a place.
8. **Village Hall Heaters** – SCPC agreed to pay for 2 x Summit 2600R Heaters to supplement the heating in the Committee Room of the Village Hall.
9. **Parish Thanks and Recognition Register** – to follow on from Item 3 and 4 above, SCPC want to keep a register to mark the work done by volunteers who “*help, assist, aid, support ~ with good will ~ for no reward but thanks*” keep an eye out on the Website for Certificates and let us know if you would like to nominate anyone in the future.

Parishioners are reminded that all SCPC meetings are open to the public, and if you would like a specific item to be added to the Agenda, please let the Clerk know.

Please contact SCPC Clerk – Marion Pratt at SCPCclerk@aol.com or on 01837 82285 if you would like to raise any issues. Even better, come along to a meeting. Next meetings: Sept 3rd and Oct 1st

Venue	Date
SCPC Meeting – Village Hall	Tues 3 rd Sept 7.30pm
Coffee Morning – Weirford House	Sat 14 th Sept – 10 am
Wine Tasting – Village Hall	Sat 21 st Sept -
Harvest Festival & Supper	Fri 27 th Sept – 6.30 pm
SCPC Meeting – Village Hall	Tues 1st Oct – 7.30 pm
Talk on Australia – Village Hall	Saturday 5 th October 7.30pm
Diving for Pearls – Village Hall	Saturday 12 th October 7.30pm
Jesus Christ Superstar – NT Church	17 th -19 th October 7.30 pm

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24 August – Flower and Produce Show.

21 September – Wine-tasting Evening, with tasting foods.

5 October – 7.30 p.m.

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12 October – Diving for Pearls, 7.30 p.m..

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8 November – Quiz and Pudding Evening, 7.30 p.m..

18 December – Christmas Bingo – 7 for 8 p.m..

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March (date to be confirmed) – Big Breakfast.

28 March – Exbourne Community Choir.

26 June – Summer Ball.

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Danny Semorad

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This month's meeting will take place at the
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The Exeter Fire
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ROYAL BRITISH LEGION

We held our annual Mystery Trip on Sunday 21st July, leaving the square in North Tawton at 9 a.m. and collect remaining passengers in Okehampton. With the coach near to capacity we set off for our first stop at Trelawney Garden centre where we had coffee and a bite to eat. Leaving there we found our way to the Coppice Inn at Lanner Redruth where we were welcomed by Sonia the landlady and her team.

After some liquid refreshments we sat down to a lovely carvery lunch and home made desserts. After lunch, we surprised Mary Fry with a cake and flowers as it was her birthday and following that quite a few of the ladies and gentlemen enjoyed a game of Bingo.

We finished off the afternoon in the beer garden with our ever popular draw, and set off home. Being lucky with the weather made it a very enjoyable day.

Barry Ware

Bondleigh Big Bug Hunt

This year's fundraiser for Devon Historic Churches Trust will be a bug hunt around the village, followed by a cream tea at St. James's Church.

Please note **Saturday, 14th September** on your calendars to join the "**Bondleigh Big Bug Hunt**". Starting at St James' Church from 1 p.m. onwards and wandering along a trail looking out for some big bugs & insects along the way, then returning to the church to enjoy a cream tea.

(Cream teas available from 2 p.m. - 5 p.m., even if you are not walking, we welcome you to come along and meet with friends for a cream tea).

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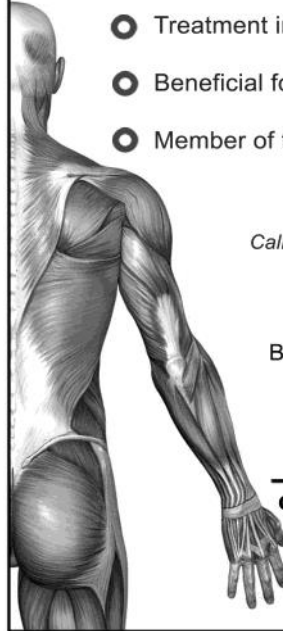
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The Doctor Jean Shields Memorial Day

This meeting was held in St. Peter's church on Saturday 10th August. What was agreed to be a most enjoyable and informative day was attended by nearly one hundred people, both local and from beyond Exeter.

Steve Stocker has been studying the route of the Roman Road between North Tawton and Okehampton for many years. He gave us an illustrated talk on how he became involved in the investigation of the road, and on what can be seen today, including some very interesting photographs of the paved road buried over a foot deep in the woodlands near Rowden. This work continues and Steve Stoker would be very interested to know any information or memories about the road. He can be reached at Blogg's garage which is advertised elsewhere in "Roundabout". (page 4)

Dr. Chris Smart and Dr. João Fonte are professional archaeologists attached to the Archaeology Department at the University of Exeter. They are running a project called "Understanding Landscapes". They are carrying out digging projects in Calstock and Ipplepen and they receive some funding the Heritage Lottery Fund. Recently, they have been working with North Tawton volunteers on the remarkable Roman sites in the area of DeBathe cross. This work is funded by Devon County Council and Historic England. They have access to research methods not available to amateurs. This includes the recent technique of LIDAR which can reveal the contours of the land below vegetation. They are part way through detecting remains of Roman buildings and features concealed on the land to the south of North Tawton. This work has already shown some remarkable new information.

The ten acre "fort" on Nigel Dunn's land is surrounded by a construction of over 80 acres which could date from the Roman invasion in the first century A.D.. Although it is thought that the Second Augustan Legion was based in Exeter it is now known that they came much further west. Our Roman remains may have been their base for a period. At that time North Tawton could have been larger than Exeter. Up to 5000 troops commanded by the future Emperor Vespasian could have been stationed close to the site of the Railway Inn. The present investigations are throwing up many puzzling features and the results are still being investigated. There may even have been an amphitheatre to entertain troops close to DeBathe cross.

These talks were followed by a well attended visit to the site of the features beyond the railway where the Roman Road would have crossed the River Taw.

Okehampton and District Local History Society is grateful for all the help given in order to arrange this day in honour of Dr. Jean Shields who did so much to communicate the history of North Tawton and West Devon. Thanks for the day go especially to Steve Stocker, Nigel Dunn and Rev'd. Nick Weldon.

Keith Badman



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The W.I. enjoyed an outing on Tuesday 23rd July to the South Devon Railway at Buckfastleigh and members were busy during the month making the display for exhibition at the Okehampton Show, for which they won first prize.

St. Andrew's church choir held their annual lunch in the New Inn on Sunday 4th August.

They will now have a month's rest before choir practices resume in September.

St. Andrew's bell ringers hosted a bell ringing competition on Saturday 10th August to raise money for new bell ropes. Nine teams from across Devon participated and teas were served in the Church Rooms. Kingsteignton were the winners. High winds and rainfall meant that the Village Hall's BBQ, held on Saturday 10th August, was relocated indoors, after which a skittles match was enjoyed. Top man was Ralph Gundry and top woman was Michelle Wilson.

Nicky Craig

St. Andrew's Parish Church, Sampford Courtenay

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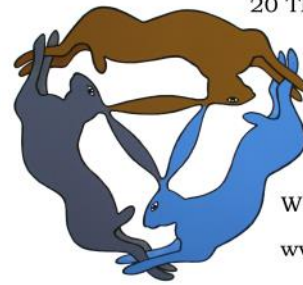
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